

**City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board**

MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2008
City Administration Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. .

2) **Present:**

Members – Patrick Caughey, Gail Roberts, Dan Simpson, Jon Becker, Victoria Heithaus, Stephen Lamprides, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

[Not Present] – William Tall, Karen Davis, Craig Jones.

City Staff –Alissa Gabriel, Michael Marika

3) **Approval of Minutes:** September 2008 Approved (d’Elgin/Caughey)

4) **Chair’s Announcements:**

- a. ASLA Conference in Philadelphia last week. Caughey reported that there seems to be a movement toward making political change. Also saw a significant increase in vendors displaying new technologies.
- b. Recent budget issues means CFAB needs to figure out ways to keep trees on the list of reasonable activities for the City to pursue.
- c. Wildfire Reduction Committee notes. d’Elgin reported that the Conservation Habitat Protection Plan is being developed with the participation of Federal and State departments of fish, game, and wildlife.

5) **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. General Plan discussion with Nancy Bragado. An opportunity to comment on the Action Plan that will be heard by the Planning Commission item on 12/04/08. Bragado explained that each items’ priority is set by the responsible department’s funding ability. Concerns: not clear where urban forestry standards for public land are incorporated; can we highlight the connection between water conservation and trees? Further discussion on how CFAB members could increase their participation on the development of the Action Plan.
- b. Communicating with the public through water bills. Questions: What is the water department’s budget for outreach? Is there already a newsletter? Will there be a water rationing advisory board? Can CFAB get a member on it?
- c. Review of CFAB educational materials, especially PowerPoint presentations to community planning groups, universities, and elementary schools. Estrada reported that the brochure development is still progressing.
- d. Sub-Committees brainstorming ideas discussed for future sub-committees: Water Rationing, Education/Outreach, Implementation, Significant Tree Protection, Master Planning, Grants, Project Idea Development, Policy/Goals, Stormwater Projects.



- e. 2009 meeting location options. Gabriel will look into moving CFAB meetings to Civic Center Plaza building, 14th floor.

6) **Action Item(s):** none

7) **Reports:** Items not already on agenda

- a. Staff Reports – Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester. Simpson relayed message from Potocki that the conference bus tour showcasing San Diego forestry issues was well attended by over 50 participants.

8) **Referrals to Committees:**

9) **Public Comment:** none

10) **Next Meeting:** Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., CAB12A

11) **Adjourned** at 1:10pm

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